

Chevy Chase Village Five Year Master Plan For Laurel Park by Parks and Green Spaces Committee May 2013

Overall assessment: Park topography is beautiful. The wildness of the park is one of its attributes in the opinion of the Committee. Access to park is easy and encourages residents to use it.

The goals in order of priority are:

Invasive plants: lesser celandine is everywhere, ivy growing up trees, ivy growing along the stream borders. We saw no poison ivy (too early perhaps). Park should be kept clear of it and other invasives.

Trees: Several trees in North Laurel Park are dead and need to be cut down. Committee recommends adding several willows to the park and understory trees such as red bud or dogwood.

Rain/Butterfly Garden in South end of Park*: Recommendations: In the south end of park, shrubs should be planted to slow down water overflow from street into stream. River rock sluice needs more rocks. Keep stream clear of debris and build up sides where eroded.

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*Please see Recommendations for Butterfly/Rain Garden enhancement on a separate sheet of paper.

Submitted
Judy Elliott, Co-chair
Susan Kilborn, Co-chair
May 11, 2013

DATE: May 8, 2013

TO: Board of Managers

FROM: Parks and Green Spaces Committee

RE: Rain/Butterfly Garden in Laurel Park: Plan for enhancements and Modifications

GOAL: Phase I

Delineation of space (steel edging installed on each side of the path) and clarification of the space (shrubs added and perennials shifted or removed). These will slow down the street water run off from going directly into the creek.

GOAL: Phase II

At a later date, signage to be added giving the common and Latin names of plant material to enhance the educational value of the site.

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided the original plaque for the Rain/Butterfly Garden and last year gave us another plaque.

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase in conjunction with the Parks and Green Spaces Committee of Chevy Chase Village present this plan to enhance the garden's function and attractiveness.

The schematic drawing by Mimi McBride of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase shows in color the plants and shrubs proposed. There are photographs included of the shrubs and perennials the plan calls for.

The twig fence on the west side of the area was taken down. A short split rail fence to delineate the space has been added to the plan. The Village has used split rail type fencing in other locations for delineation purposes.

The Committee asks the Village to underwrite the cost of installing the fence and providing mulch and leaf-gro for the project. (Since this type fence is being removed in several other locations perhaps the split rails from those fences could be used in the Rain Garden location.)

The steel edging will permanently keep the 3 ½' path clear of plant material and will keep mulch from spreading over into the plants. The cost of this edging is \$350.00. This amount is included in the \$2,000 - \$2,200.

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase has voted to pay the consultant Jenny Reed of Gardens by Design for buying, transplanting and planting plant materials as well as buying the

steel edging and installing it. The fee is \$2,000 - \$2,200 assuming no volunteer labor from members of the Garden Club. We hope that the amount will be reduced since some residents of the Village and members of the garden club are expected to help with the transplanting, planting and weeding.

Alice Kinter's energy and interest brought the Rain Garden to Chevy Chase Village. The Committee proposes that the garden's enhancement, once completed, be feted with a celebratory "opening" for the community it serves and the Garden Club. At that time, with the approval of the Village (the Garden Club has endorsed this idea) The Committee proposes that the Rain Garden be re-named in honor of Alice Kinter. The Alice Kinter Rain Garden of Chevy Chase Village or something similar was suggested.

Also, Montgomery County DEP has suggested Wax myrtle, Persea Borbonia (Red Bay), Rosa rugosa, Sumac, Winterberry Holly and Bayberry as salt tolerant plants and trees that would be appropriate for Laurel Park.

If approved, The Committee would like to do the work by the end of May.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Elliott, Co-chair
Susan Kilborn, Co-chair

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PERENNIALS SUGGESTED FOR BUTTERFLY-RAIN GARDEN



Monarda 'Jacob Cline'
(Bee Balm)



Lobelia
(Cardinal flower)

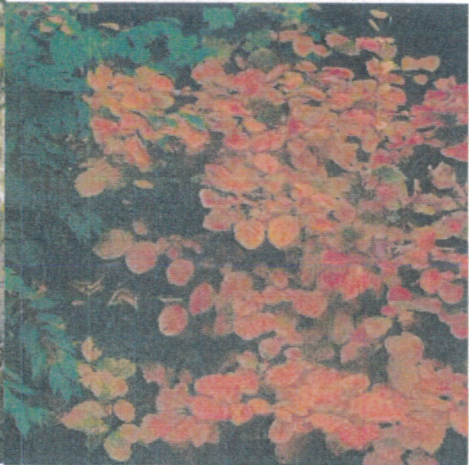


Senecio aureus (Golden Ragwort)

SHRUBS SUGGESTED FOR THE BUTTERFLY-RAIN GARDEN



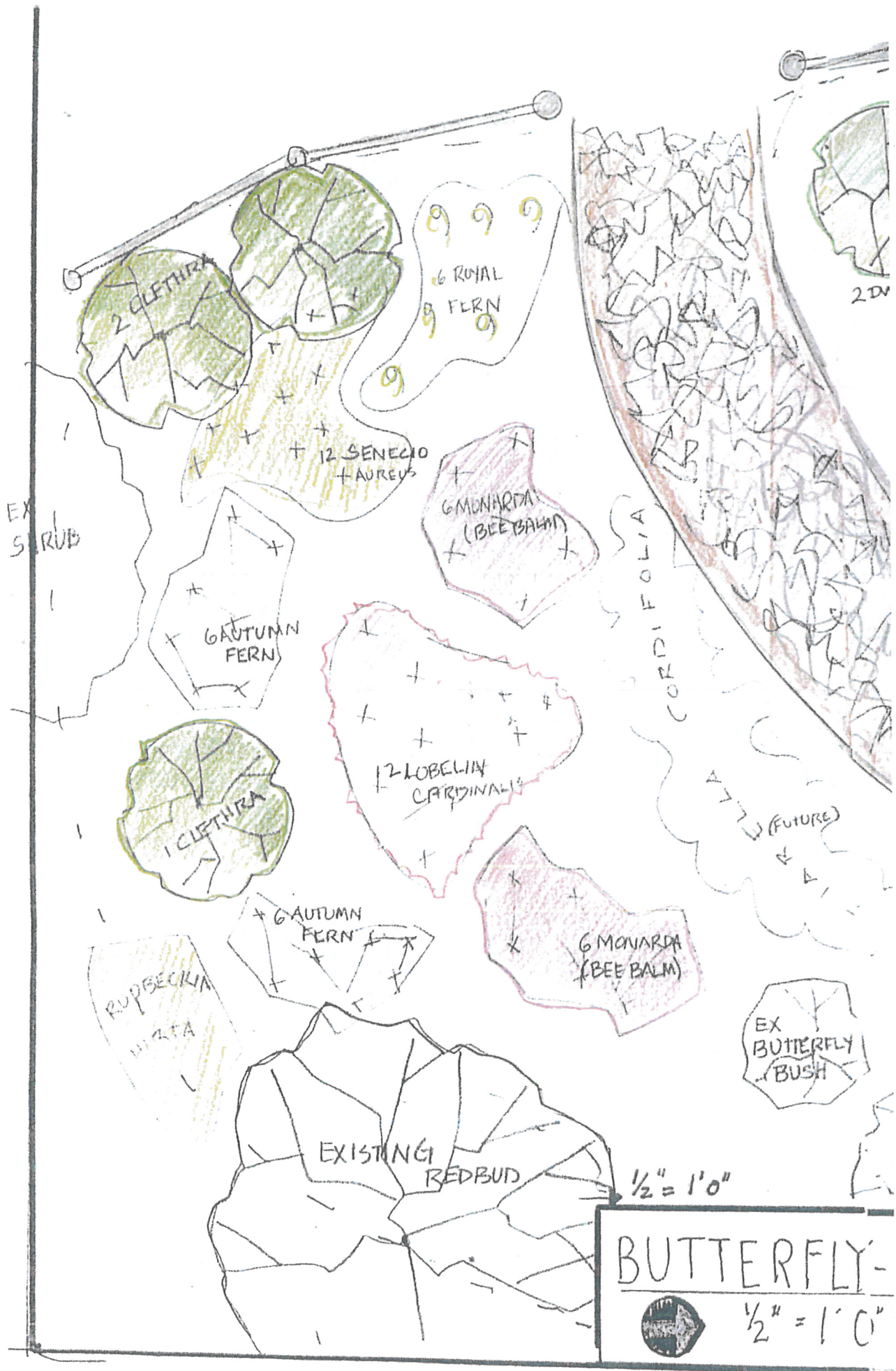
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(Dwarf Virginia Sweetspire) fall color

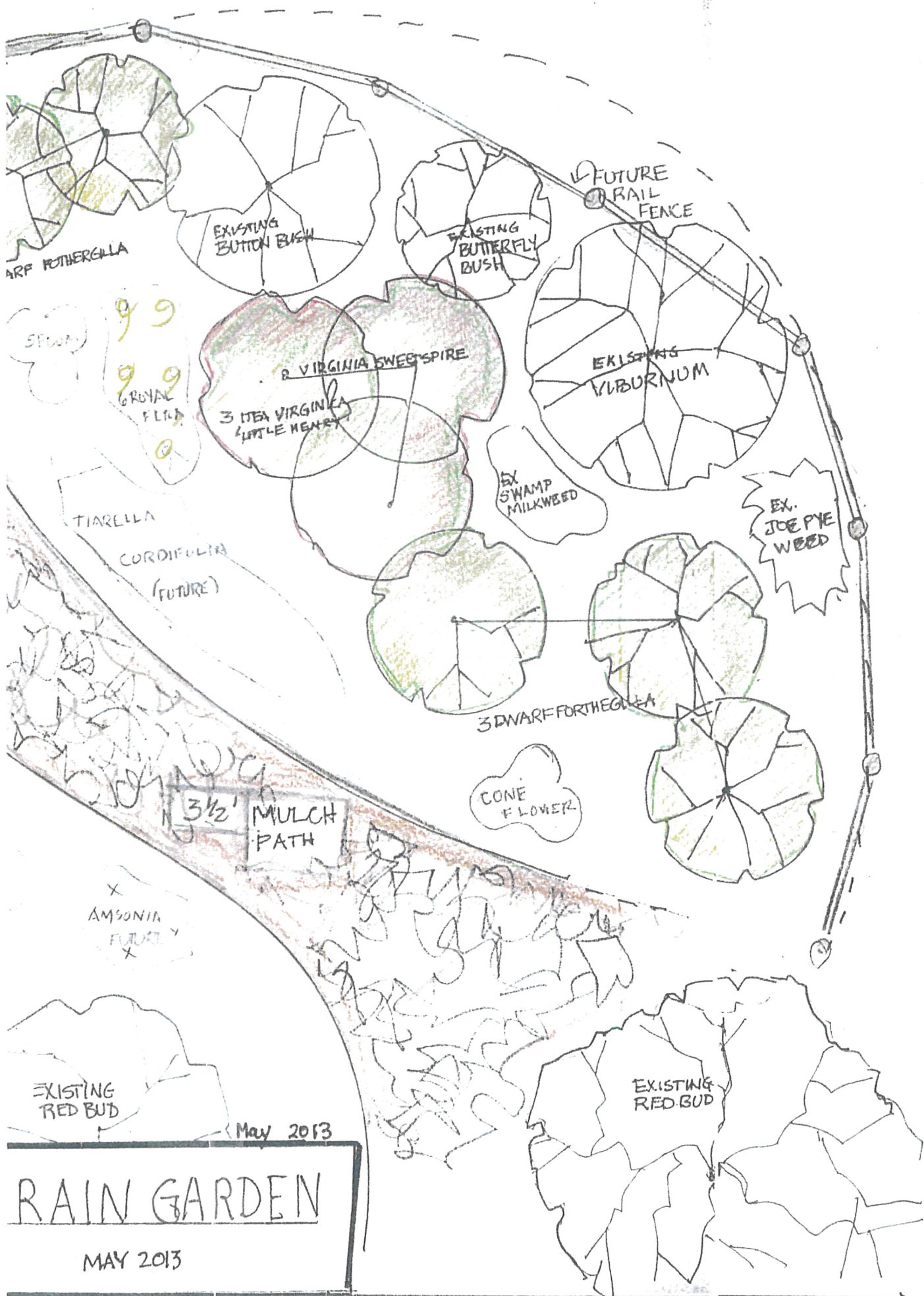


Dwarf forthergilla in bloom and with fall color



Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'
Dwarf Summersweet





RAIN GARDEN

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